

Greenlawn, Main House
(Outten Davis House) (William Brady House)
(George Brady House)
Route 896 (North Broad Street),
.6 miles north of Middletown
Middletown Vicinity
New Castle County
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle County	TOWN OR VICINITY Middletown vic. St. Georges Hundred
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Greenlawn (family papers), Main House		HABS NO. DE-215-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Outten Davis House, William Brady House, George Brady House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Route 896, .6 miles north of Middletown		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1810 with additions ca. 1830, 1860, 1884 (construction, architectural elements)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built ca. 1810 by Outten Davis, a merchant and farmer, Greenlawn was repeatedly modernized by later 19th-century owners including William and George Brady who translated the Georgian facade into a Gothic design and planted the grounds in the picturesque style.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Mixed Georgian and Gothic		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick on a rubble stone foundation. Original front elevation laid in Flemish bond; secondary elevations and additions common bond		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See attached plan.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The only surviving ca. 1810 feature was the round arched paneled doorway on the west elevation; the mid 19th-century detailing (bracketed eaves, cross gable, balustraded roof deck, full length windows and elaborate sawnwork and bracket porch) reflects the stylistic writings of A.J. Downing and his followers.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Marble mantels fitted for stove heating; built in cast iron "Our Favorite" kitchen range; ca. 1860, 1884 east conservatory with folding doors; cast plaster ceiling medallions.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Built ca. 1810; enlarged with kitchen and dining room wing ca. 1830; enlarged with kitchen wing and refenestrated ca. 1860; enlarged to double-pile plan with new grounds ca. 1884.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Demolished.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places; Delaware Preservation Checklist, Delaware Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, 1974; D.G. Beers, Atlas of the State of Delaware, 1868.		
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